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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 15, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicant submits herewith: 1) Exhibit A: marked version of amended paragraphs in the specification; 2) Exhibit B: clean version of amended paragraphs in the specification; 3) Exhibit C: marked version of amended claims; 4) Exhibit D: clean version of the pending claims; 5) Amendment Fee Transmittal, accompanied by the appropriate fee; and 6) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A marked version of the following amended paragraphs is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been deleted from the paragraph is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added to the paragraph is indicated by underlining. A clean version of the following amended paragraphs is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application claims priority to" with the following paragraph: